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Prior to the calculation of the fee in the above-identified application, please make the following amendments:

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Please cancel claims 5 - 7, 9 and 10 without prejudice or disclaimer of the subject matter thereof.

Please replace claim 8 with new claim 8, as follows:

8. A pharmaceutical composition comprising the non-slow-binding thrombin inhibitor of claim 2 and a pharmaceutically acceptable auxiliary.

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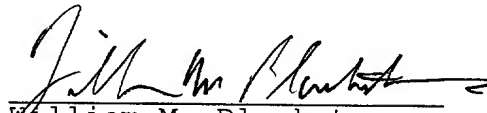
REMARKS

Claims 5 - 7, 9 and 10 are canceled and claim 8 is amended, hereby. Claims 1 - 4 and 8 are presented for examination.

It is believed that claims 1 - 4 and 8 recite a patentable improvement in the art. Favorable action is solicited.

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8. A pharmaceutical composition comprising the non-slow-binding thrombin inhibitor of [any one of claims 1-6] claim 2 and a pharmaceutically acceptable [auxiliaries] auxiliary.